

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PINT, BL, PEPR, US, SP  
SUBJECT: PSOE LEADER ON US POSTURE TOWARD BOLIVIAN  
ELECTIONS

1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED AUGUST 2 IN MADRID'S "EL  
PAIS," PSOE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER GUILLERMO GALEOTE,  
WHO REPRESENTED THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AS AN  
OBSERVER DURING THE RECENT BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS, MADE THE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE US  
TOWARD THOSE ELECTIONS:

--QUESTION: WHAT ROLE DID THE US EMBASSY PLAY?

--ANSWER: "I MET WITH THE (AMERICAN) AMBASSADOR A  
NUMBER OF TIMES AND THE IMPRESSION HE GAVE ME WAS THAT HE  
WAS DISPOSED TO FAVOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
PROCESS, COINCIDING WITH THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT."

2. GALEOTE EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS PRIVATELY TO  
EMBOFF, ADDING THAT HE FOUND HIS "THREE HOUR EXCHANGE"  
WITH THE AMBASSADOR QUITE PRODUCTIVE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER,  
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THAT IN HIS VIEW "PEREDA WILL REMAIN IN POWER AS LONG AS  
THE US WILL TOLERATE HIM, AND NO LONGER," A CONCLUSION  
THAT DERIVED FROM GALEOTE'S CONVICTION THAT THE US HAS  
SUFFICIENT ECONOMIC LEVERAGE IN BOLIVIA TO FORCE THE  
GOVT TO CONVOKE NEW ELECTIONS.

3. IN VIEW OF CONTINUING PSOE INTEREST IN THE BOLIVIAN

SITUATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ON DISTRIBUTION FOR REPORTING OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL EVENTS.  
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